

## **REMARKS**

Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Initially, the Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for the indication that claims 4, 5, 7, 8 and 18 are allowable.

In the Official Action, the Examiner objects to the Title because it is not descriptive. In response, the Title has been changed to --An Actuator Adopting The Principle Of Electrostatic Induction--. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the objection to the Title be withdrawn.

In the Official Action, the Examiner rejects claims 1-3, 9, 15-17 and 19 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by JP 06-038552 to Yano et al., (hereinafter "Yano"). Additionally, the Examiner rejects claims 1, 15, 17 and 19 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by JP 08-149858 to Higuchi et al., (hereinafter "Higuchi"). Furthermore, the Examiner rejects claim 6 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yano in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,781,669 to Tanaka (hereinafter "Tanaka"). Lastly, the Examiner rejects claims 10-14 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yano in view of Higuchi.

With regard to claims 1-3, 6, 15-17 and 19, the same have been canceled, thereby rendering the rejection thereof moot.

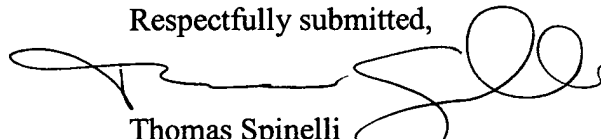
Furthermore, allowable claims 4, 7, 8, and 18 have been amended to rewrite the same in independent form including the limitations of their base claim and any intervening claims. Therefore, claims 4, 7, 8, and 18 should now be allowed. Claim 5 depends from claim 4 and is allowable therewith.

With regard to claims 9-11 and 14, the same have been amended to change their dependency to allowable claim 4. Claim 12 depends from claim 11, which in turn depends from allowable claim 4.

Thus, the Applicant respectfully submits that all of the claims of record contain allowable subject matter and should be allowed.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that this application be allowed and a Notice of Allowance issued. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference with Applicant's attorneys would be advantageous to the disposition of this case, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,



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